

Water Tower, Red
Blair Street
St. Louis
Missouri

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Red Water Tower (Bissell Street Water Tower)
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(Red Water Tower)

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Location: Bissell Street and Blair Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

Significance: The Tower was constructed as part of the first modern and comprehensive water distribution system in the City of St. Louis. This system aided the city's physical expansion due to improved fire protection and sanitation.

Description: The base is comprised of rusticated stonework rising to a height of 36'-11 5/8", a shaft mainly consisting of red brick with stone string courses rising to a height of 124'-5 5/8", a brick platform with a terra cotta balustrade corbelled out from the shaft and resting on four engaged stone columns and rusticated stone quoining, rising to a height of 147'-10 5/8". A brick lantern with a stone and terra cotta cornice supports a pyramidal roof. The top finial is of copper.

The interior of the tower consists of a standpipe and a narrow, spiral, wrought-iron stairway that winds around the pipe, from the ground to the top platform, to a height of 145'-8 1/4".

History: Designed by William S. Eames, the Tower was built in 1885-1886 as the Water Division Standpipe No. 2. No material alterations have been made since its construction. The Tower has not been in use since June 8, 1913, when it became obsolete.

Sources: Sheila Hannah, "Bissell Street Water Tower"
National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form,
June 5, 1970.

Historian: David Paul DeVito, HABS, February 1988.

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